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# Help for Environmental Programs





If you are a teacher or group leader involved in preparing environmental education programs, don't overlook the abundant resources of your own community.

Most Federal, State, county, and city agencies have materials and/or resource personnel available for the following activities: environmental studies, conservation practices, field trips, presentations, area planning, site development, curriculum development, and teacher workshops.

When requesting assistance, remember that most resource personnel are quite busy. Give them plenty of lead time, combine groups for a speaker, and be specific in your requests for information.

When ordering written materials, remember these points:

1. Designate one youngster or committee member to write to an organization. (Do not ask an entire class to write to one address.)
2. Specify a certain area or theme. (Do not ask an organization to send "one of everything.")
3. Make certain material is suitable for handout before ordering several copies.

# SOURCES OF HELP

A telephone directory may help you contact the following sources of information:

## Local Area

Boy Scouts of America

Chamber of Commerce

City or county forester

County agricultural agent

Farm Bureau

Garden clubs

Girl Scouts of the United States of America

Industrialists

Libraries

Local branches of national societies

Museums

Nature centers

Newspapers

Park superintendents

Science hobby clubs

Soil Conservation District Manager

Sport and conservation clubs

Superintendent of sewage disposal plant

TV and radio stations

Water Board

Consult your local library. You will be surprised at how much information is available from this convenient source.

## State

The organizations listed below (or their equivalents) will probably provide written materials, films or filmstrips, and resource personnel for help in your immediate area:

Conservation Committee or Council

Conservation Department

Department of Public Instruction

Farm Bureau

Natural Areas Council

Natural Resources Department

Soil Conservation Districts

State forester

State and regional offices of Federal  
Agencies

Tourist Council

Universities and colleges

Water Resource Commission

Wildlife Federation

## Federal

Many Federal agencies, in addition to providing materials and films relating to their area of expertise, have local offices that are able to help. Their Washington offices can supply you with field office addresses.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest  
Service, Washington, DC 20250

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Science  
and Education Administration,  
Washington, DC 20250

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Con-  
servation Service, Washington, DC 20250

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Special Assistant for Education, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20230

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Zone Management, 330 Whitehaven St. NW, Washington, DC 20235

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Education, Office of Environmental Education, Washington, DC 20202

U.S. Department of Education, Energy and Education Action Center, Room 514 Reporter's Bldg., 300 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20202

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, DC 20585

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Information and Health Promotion, Humphrey Bldg., 200 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20201

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Division of Environmental and Planning Coordination, Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Education and Interpretation, Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey, Room 750 National Center, Reston, VA 22092

U.S. Department of the Interior, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Interior Bldg., Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St. SW, Washington, DC 20460

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

U.S. Water Resources Council, Suite 800,  
2120 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20037

Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 Commerce  
Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902

## Other Sources

Most organizations listed below produce monthly or quarterly publications and design charts and other visual aids for specific programs. They may also supply written materials and films or personal assistance with programs.

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, 1201 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 (Journal of Physical Education-Recreation)

American Conservation Association, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020

American Forest Institute, 1619 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036 (Greenamerica)

The American Forestry Association, 1319 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036

American Petroleum Institute, 2101 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20037

Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, 8940 Jones Mill Rd., Washington, DC 20015 (Audubon Naturalist News)

Boy Scouts of America, National Council, P.O. Box 61030, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, TX 75261 (Handbooks)

Camp Fire Girls, 4601 Madison Ave., Kansas City, MO 64113 (Camp Fire Leadership Publications Audio/Visual Materials; official catalog)

Center for Environmental Education, 2100 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20037 (Environmental Education Report)

Center for International Environment Information, 300 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017 (World Environment Report)

Concern, 2233 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007 (Eco-Tips 1-15; The Concerned Gardener: Environmental Projects at Home and in the Community)

Ducks Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 66300, Chicago, IL 60666 (Ducks Unlimited Magazine; maps, pamphlets)

Environmental Action Foundation, 724 Dupont Circle Bldg., Washington, DC 20036 (Power Line; Garbage Guide)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, North America Regional Office, 1776 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20437

Friends of the Earth, 124 Spear St., San Francisco, CA 94105 (Not Man Apart)

The Garden Club of America, 598 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022 (The World Around You)

Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 830 Third Ave., New York, NY 10022 (Girl Scout Leader; American Girl; Daisy)

The Izaak Walton League of America, 1800 North Kent St., Suite 806, Arlington, VA 22209 (Outdoor America; Izaak Walton News)

League of Volunteer Environmentalists (LOVE), 1817 NW Irving, Portland, OR 97209 (LOVE)

National Association for Environmental Education, P.O. Box 400, Troy, OH 45373

National Association of Conservation Districts, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20005 (America's Conservation Districts; Environmental Film Catalogue)

National Audubon Society, 950 Third Ave.,  
New York, NY 10022 (Audubon)

National Council State Garden Clubs, Inc.,  
4401 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110  
(personnel assistance and related materials)

National Parks and Conservation Association,  
1701 18th St. NW, Washington, DC  
20009 (National Parks and Conservation  
Magazine)

National Recreation and Park Association,  
1601 North Kent St., Arlington, VA 22209  
(Parks and Recreation Magazine)

National Wildlife Federation, 1412 16th St.  
NW, Washington, DC 20036 (National  
Wildlife Magazine (225 East Michigan St.,  
Milwaukee, WI 53202); Ranger Rick's  
Nature Magazine)

The Nature Conservancy, Suite 800, 1800  
North Kent St., Arlington, VA 22209 (The  
Nature Conservancy News)

Sierra Club, 530 Bush Street, San Fran-  
cisco, CA 94108

Soil Conservation Society of America, 7515  
NE Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, IA 50021 (Jour-  
nal of Soil and Water Conservation)

Student Conservation Association, Box 550,  
Charlestown, NH 03603

Threshold Inc., International Center for En-  
vironmental Renewal, Suite 113, 1785  
Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington,  
DC 20036

The Wilderness Society, 1901 Pennsylvania  
Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006 (The  
Living Wilderness)

Wildlife Management Institute, 1000  
Vermont Ave. NW, 709 Wire Bldg., Wash-  
ington, DC 20005 (Outdoor News Bulletin)

The Wildlife Society, Suite 611, 7101  
Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC  
20014 (Journal of Wildlife Management)

# REFERENCE MATERIALS

Ten years ago very little was written about environmental education. Today, the sheer volume of reference material is overwhelming. There is so much available on so many topics that it would be difficult for the individual to examine and evaluate all of it. It would also be unnecessary because it is already being done for you!

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) is a nationwide information network sponsored by the Department of Education for acquiring, selecting, abstracting, indexing, storing, retrieving, and distributing reference material. Each month ERIC publishes *Resources in Education* which is made up of resumes highlighting the significance of each new document or reference guide.

For information on "Selected Resumes for Environmental Education," you should contact:

ERIC Clearinghouse for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education  
The Ohio State University  
1200 Chambers Road, 310  
Columbus, OH 43212

Other sources of reference material are the agencies and organizations listed in this pamphlet. Most of them have materials available free or at moderate cost and will make a selection of materials for you if you tell them what you need.

Environmental education should not stop with awareness of the environment and its problems. That is only the first step. There must also be personal commitment and an understanding of resources and issues.

The most important help for environmental programs is personal enthusiasm and a willingness to supplement simple awareness with the gathering and evaluation of information, the formulation of alternative solutions to problems, and the commitment to work with others toward a common goal.

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